

2. Such emoluments shall be considered as inalienable from the offices to which they are annexed, whether by mortgage, sale, gift, or otherwise, and they shall not be liable to attachment or other process in satisfaction of judicial decrees.

3. The Patelships shall, as a general rule, be considered hereditary, but in any case in which it may appear to the Superintendent that the hereditary claimant is from old age, incurable disease, incapacity, or bad character, unfit for the office, the Superintendent shall be competent to appoint in his stead one of his male relations, viz., a son, an undivided brother or a grand-son, and in their absence cousins and more distant relations, provided they possess the requisite qualifications for the office. If there be no qualified male relative, any other land-holder residing in the village who may be best suited to the office by his position and qualifications may be nominated, for the period during which no qualified member of the hereditary family may be available. If no qualified member of the old family be forthcoming for twenty years, the Patelship will be finally confirmed to the family of the new Patel.

4. When the heir of a Patel is a minor, the Superintendent will select a qualified relative, or, if none be qualified, a Gumasta may be appointed to act as Patel until the minor attains his majority.

5. The Government may dismiss from employment a Patel found guilty of misconduct. In such a case his rights will not generally be confiscated to the State, but will be continued to his heirs unless the offence was a serious one, committed in the execution of his official duty. The Superintendent may select the successor of the dismissed Patel in the office and the rights attached thereto, and a divided brother or cousin of the dismissed Patel having no joint interest with him if in all respects fitted therefor will be eligible to succeed.

6. In many instances, particularly in North Coorg, there are two or three Patels in one village. The office being held by more than one man causes a division of responsibility which is often detrimental to the interests of Government, and though it is not desired that present incumbents should be interfered with, an investigation will be made on the death of a joint holder in view to deciding whether the family of the deceased or that of any of the surviving incumbents has a better title to the office, and when a decision is adverse to the family of the deceased joint Patel, no successor will be appointed to him. In the event of the claims of the several families being nearly balanced, a Patel will be appointed in turn as vacancies occur from each family, but only one Patel at a time will be allowed.

7. In large villages where there may be a necessity for the services of more than one Patel, the village should be divided into parts, so that each Patel may have a distinct jurisdiction.

8. When gaud-umbli land attached to the office of a Patel cannot conveniently pass into the hands of the successor to the office, the land shall be assessed at the full rates, and be left in the possession of the family of the ex-Patel, the remuneration being adjusted with the new Patel by the deduction of the amount of the emoluments of the office from the amount of assessment annually payable by him to Government for his kandayam lands.

9. Claims to succession to or to the possession of hereditary village offices are not to be cognizable by any of the ordinary Civil Courts.

"By Order,"

H. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary.

Notifications by the Government of India.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATIONS.

LEAVE AND ALLOWANCES.

Fort William, the 5th November 1874.

No. 6405.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the following interpolation in the directions for filling up forms of last-pay certificate in Appendix A, to the Civil Leave Code :—

2. (a.) In line 8, in forms A. to D. the Section of Supplement E to the Civil Leave Code, or of the Military furlough regulations under which the advance is made, should be mentioned. Similarly, the words *under Supplement E to the Civil Leave Code, or under the Military furlough regulations*, should be inserted between the words "that" and "you will grant" on the reverse of forms C. and D.

E. F. HARRISON,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum, No. 517, T, dated Fort William, the 7th October 1874.

In reply to Home Department's No. 353 of the 2nd current, the undersigned is directed to forward for information copy of the Rule (*vide margin*) which is about to be issued to ensure the transmission of urgent and important Government messages tendered at Railway Stations without prepayment.

—TELEGRAPH RULE XVI.

Service messages from all public functionaries must be paid for in cash or in stamps prior to despatch: the rates charged on service messages are the same for service messages as those charged to private individuals. (*This Rule will be relaxed in case of great emergency. Whenever a State message is tendered for despatch under this permission, the sender must certify to its urgency and to the necessity for its immediate despatch without prepayment, and must take necessary steps to ascertain the charges on it, and must pay them into the Telegraph Office within 24 hours.*)

C. H. LUCARD, Major, R. E.,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

TO THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Home Department, Police, No. 8—399, Fort William, dated 5th November 1874.

Copy forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance.

By Order of the Governor General of India in Council,

T. PLOWDEN,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

NOTIFICATIONS.

ESTABLISHMENT.

Fort William, the 29th October 1874.

No 585.—The following temporary promotions and appointments are made in the Accounts Branch of the Public Works Department from the 10th September 1874:—

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From Controller, 3rd Class, 1st Grade, to Controller, 2nd Class, 2nd Grade.

Captain D. H. Trail, R. E., vice Captain C. M. Moberly.

Fort William, the 31st October 1874.

No. 590—Captain M. A. Alves, R. E., Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, is transferred from the Military Works Branch, to Mysore.

C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.